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Name of Patentee: de la Torre et al.

of Correction

Title of Invention: SCREW-TYPE SKIN SEAL WITH INFLATABLE MEMBRANE

Attention: Certificate of Correction Branch  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF PATENT  
FOR PTO MISTAKE (37 CFR 1.322)**

Sir:

The assignee of record, General Surgical Innovations, Inc., by its attorneys, respectfully request that a certificate of correction be issued for United States Patent No. 6,238,373 B1. Specifically, the issued patent erroneously lists General Electric Innovations, Inc. as the assignee.

Enclosed are two copies of Form PTO-44, with at least one copy being suitable for printing, listing the correct assignee. The exact page and line number citations to where the correct text appears in the application file are as follows:

Title page

Item (73) Assignee should read as follows:

--(73) Assignee: General Surgical Innovations, Inc., Norwalk, CT (US)

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postpaid in an envelope, addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on March 25, 2003.

Dated: March 25, 2003

  
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The undersigned has reviewed a Certified Copy of the file history for the above-referenced patent and believes that the error in printing the assignee's name was a result of Patent Office error (a copy of the cover page of the Certified Copy of the file history is enclosed).

Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document showing that General Surgical Innovations, Inc. is the correct assignee and that the assignment was recorded on reel 8751, frame 0746 on October 9, 1997. Additionally, a copy of the Issue Fee Transmittal form is enclosed wherein the Name of the Assignee is listed correctly as General Surgical Innovations, Inc. Both documents have been copied from the Certified Copy of the file history.

In light of the foregoing, assignee respectfully requests issuance of a Certificate of Correction correctly listing the name of the assignee as General Surgical Innovations, Inc.

Assignee respectfully requests that four (4) copies of the Certificate of Correction be sent to:

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